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PORTIONS OF 138, 33 AND 126 CLOSED DUE TO STORM

LOS ANGELES –Palmdale Boulevard (Highway 138) is closed to through traffic in both directions from the Golden State Freeway (I-5) to the Antelope Valley Freeway (Route 14) because of mud and debris from the current rainstorm.

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) crews are transporting clean-up equipment to the highway and are working to reopen it as soon as possible. At this time, no estimate has been given for when the highway will reopen, as the clean-up effort is impacted by the weather.

In Ventura County, Route 33 is washed out from Wheeler Campground to Lockwood Valley Road and Highway 126 is closed from Pole Creek Road to Hopper Canyon. Damages are being assessed and further information will be released as soon as it is available.

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